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**ILLEGAL MEXICAN NATIONAL SENTENCED TO 2 YEARS AND 9 MONTHS
AND CALIFORNIA MAN SENTENCED TO 3 YEARS AND 1 MONTH
ON COCAINE CHARGE**

David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, announced today that **ANTONIO FIDEL-AVILA**, age 32, address unknown, and **SERGIO ISIORDIA, JR.**, age 27, of 7934 Broadleaf Avenue, Panorama City, California,, **were sentenced** in United States District Court, Louisville, Kentucky, for conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute cocaine.

Thomas B. Russell, Judge, United States District Court, sentenced **Fidel-Avila** to 2 years and 9 months imprisonment, plus 4 years supervised release following incarceration. **Isiordia** was sentenced to 3 years and 1 month imprisonment, plus 4 years supervised release following incarceration. **There is no parole in the federal judicial system. Fidel-Avila** is an illegal alien who is subject to deportation following his sentence.

Fidel-Avila and **Isiordia** both pled guilty and admitted that between February 14 and February 15, 2006, in Jefferson County, Kentucky, they knowingly and intentionally conspired with other individuals to possess with the intent to distribute a kilogram of cocaine, worth approximately \$100,000.00 on the street.

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On February 14, 2006, **Isiordia** agreed to transport a kilogram of cocaine from California to Louisville, Kentucky. Roberto Velasco, a co-defendant in this case, was the person to whom the kilogram of cocaine was being delivered. The purchase price for the kilogram of cocaine was \$20,000, and was to take place the following day at a rest area near Shepherdsville, Kentucky, just off South Interstate 65.

On February 15, 2006, **Isiordia** arrived at the rest area and waited for Velasco. Velasco arrived in a vehicle that was being driven by **Fidel-Avila**. Velasco exited his vehicle and entered **Isiordia's** vehicle. During this time, Velasco exchanged \$20,000 for what he believed was a kilogram of cocaine. Velasco then exited the vehicle and returned to the vehicle driven by **Fidel-Avila**. At this point, Velasco and **Fidel-Avila** were both arrested for their involvement with this cocaine conspiracy. Velasco pled guilty to the charges against him and was sentenced on August 14, 2006, to 5 years imprisonment. Velasco is also an illegal alien who is subject to deportation after completion of his sentence.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Daniel P. Kinnicutt, and it was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration.

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